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Questions concerning this Notice may
be directed to the U.S. Department of
the Treasury, Financial Management
Service, Funds Management Division,
Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West
Highway, Room 6A11, Hyattsville, MD
20782.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

Charles F. Schwan III,

*Director Funds Management Division,
Financial Management Service.*

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the 1998 Unsolicited Spring Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency Announces its
Upcoming Deadline for the 1998
Unsolicited Grant Spring Competition,
which offers support for research,
education and training, and the
dissemination of information on
international peace and conflict
resolution.

Deadline: March 1, 1998.

DATES: Application Material Available
Upon Request

Receipt Date for Return of
Application: March 1, 1998

(applications will be accepted on March
2.)

Notification of Awards: June, 1998.

ADDRESSES: For Application Package:
United States Institute of Peace Grant
Program, 1550 M Street, NW • Suite
700, Washington, DC 20005-1708,
(phone) (202) 429-3842, (fax) (202) 429-
6063, (TTY) (202) 457-1719, Email:
grant_program@usip.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
The Grant Program, Phone (202) 429-
3842 www.usip.org.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

OMB Control No. 2900-0252

Proposed Information Collection

Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits
Administration (VBA), Department of
Veterans Affairs, is announcing an
opportunity for public comment on the
proposed collection of certain
information by the agency. Under the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of
1995, Federal agencies are required to
publish notice in the **Federal Register**
concerning each proposed collection of
information, including each proposed
extension of a currently approved
collection, and allow 60 days for public
comment in response to the notice. This
notice solicits comments on the
application for authority to close loans
on an automatic basis for nonsupervised
lenders.

DATES: Written comments and
recommendations on the proposed
collection of information should be
received on or before April 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments
on the collection of information to
Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits
Administration (20S52), Department of
Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,
NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer
to "OMB Control No. 2900-0252" in
any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-5079 or
FAX (202) 275-5146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the
PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C.
3501-3520), Federal agencies must
obtain approval from the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for each
collection of information they conduct
or sponsor. This request for comment is
being made pursuant to Section
3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following
collection of information, VBA invites
comments on: (1) Whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of VBA's
functions, including whether the
information will have practical utility;
(2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the
burden of the proposed collection of
information; (3) ways to enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; and (4)
ways to minimize the burden of the
collection of information on
respondents, including through the use
of automated collection techniques or
the use of other forms of information
technology.

Title: Application for Authority to
Close Loans on an Automatic Basis—
Nonsupervised Lenders, VA Form 26-
8736.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0252.

Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38 U.S.C. 3702(d)(3)
provides for nonsupervised lenders to
make automatically guaranteed loans if
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
approves them for such purposes.
Automatic lending privileges eliminate
the requirement for submission of loans
to VA for prior approval. Lending
institutions with automatic loan
privileges may process and disburse
such loans and subsequently report the
loan to VA for issuance of guaranty. VA
Form 26-8736 is used by nonsupervised
lenders to request approval to close
loans on an automatic basis. The form
requests information considered crucial
for VA to make acceptability
determinations as to lenders who shall
be approved for this privilege.

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per
Respondent:** 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one
time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
120.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director Information Management Service.

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